

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. *(Currently Amended)* A high capacity sheet feeder including a feed table [[with]] having first movable belts operably mounted on and above a sheet transport [[with]] having second movable belts, said first movable belts configured in an operable position for feeding sheets along a first arc downward and back under the feed table to the transport, the sheet feeder operably mounted to the transport at hinge points allowing said sheet feeder to be hinged upwardly about a second arc to a non-operable position to allow access to a sheet-transporting assembly of said transport, said sheet feeder including the feed table capable of retaining a stack of sheets loaded edgewise thereon and an upper edge guide having a concave arcuate surface in communication with an upper edge of at least on sheet in said stack of sheets, said upper edge guide further including a finger configured to support a lead sheet in said stack of sheets, and said sheet feeder capable of maintaining such stack both in said operable position and said non-operable hinged-upward position and wherein the axis of the first arc is generally parallel to the axis of the second arc.

2. *(New)* The high capacity sheet feeder of claim 1 wherein said upper edge guide includes a first finger and a second finger, said first and second fingers being flexible, wherein said second finger is more flexible than said first finger.

3. *(New)* The high capacity sheet feeder of claim 2 wherein said paper stack is supported by said arcuate surface in cooperation with said first finger, and wherein said second finger is configured to apply pressure to a lead sheet in said stack, separating said lead sheet from said stack before said lead sheet is fed along said first arc.